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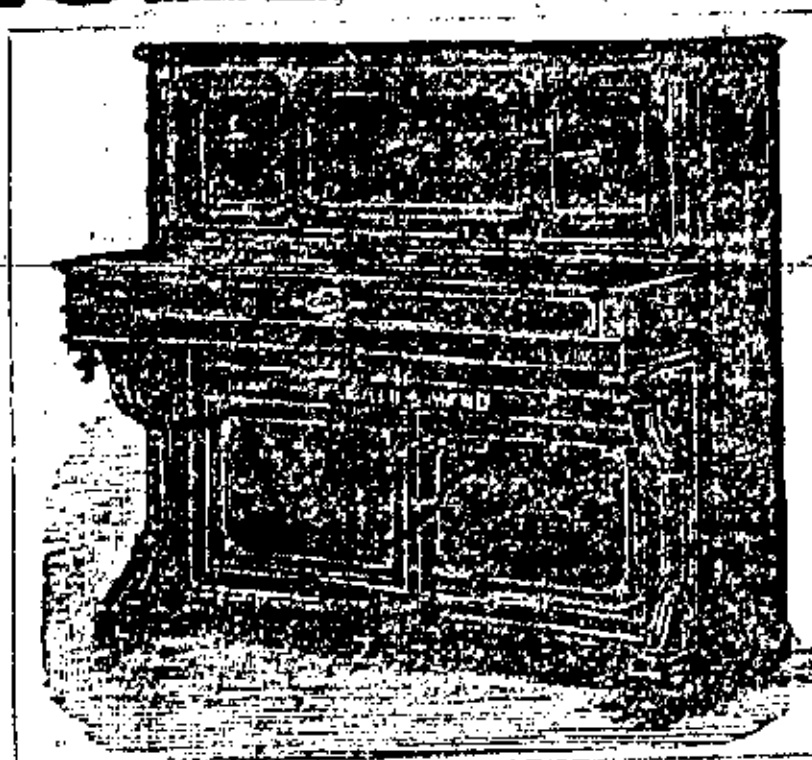
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In his share circular of this date, Mr. Erich Georg writes:—Business during this week has been restricted to a few leading stocks, notably Banks, China Sugars, Lenders and Green Islands. In other stocks but little has been done. The three days' sight rate of exchange on Shanghai for private paper is 75.

Active preparations have been in progress during the week for the change of regiments. The 1st Royal Lancashire Regiment, having been expected to arrive here to-day, the West Yorkshire Regiment have gone into camp at Gaudub Hill, Kowloon, leaving the barracks vacant for the new arrivals. On the eve of the departure of the West Yorkshire Regiment it will not be out of place to compliment the men on the excellence of their behaviour during their stay in Hongkong. They have been a very orderly body of men, and the Police are also indebted in many instances for the assistance they have rendered in maintaining order. It is also gratifying to observe that the Regiment has been in a very healthy condition during their stay. Only two deaths have occurred in Hongkong, and only one of these was occasioned by climatic disease. An unfortunate accident on the football field deprived the band of Drummer Flowers, and Lance-Sergeant Milnes was carried off by remittent fever. The small death-rate, however, can probably be accounted for by the new system adopted this year of sending invalids home. Under this new scheme 42 N.C.O.'s and men were sent home by passenger steamers. Under former conditions the death-rate averaged about 12 per annum per regiment in the Colony. The West Yorks will have a week under canvas at Kowloon, and will sail for Singapore in the *Jungas* on New Year's Day. The 1st Royal Lancashire Regiment, on disembarking, will go immediately into barracks. The details of the Regiment to arrive by the *Yungas* are:—27 field officers; 2 warrant officers; 42 N.C.O.'s; 15 drummers; 935 rank and file; 4 officers' wives and 3 officers' children; 31 soldiers' wives and 42 children. The other details are 5 officers, 4 officers' wives and 4 children, and 9 N.C.O.'s and men.

The Imperial Treasury in Peking being hard pressed for funds, the Board of Revenue has sanctioned the forwarding to each Viceroy in the Province of China, a despatch instructing him to deduct 30% from the salaries of all officials, from the Viceroy down to Civil and Military officials of the 5th and 4th ranks, for at least one year, commencing on the 1st month of next year.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL'.)

LONDON, 22nd December, 1897.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

It is understood that the Washington Government, when sounded as to its view on the situation in China, replied that the United States was not interested in the territorial question, but that the protection of established American interests was their sole concern.

RUSSO-KOREAN BANK.

The Statute of a new Russo-Korean Bank, with a capital of half-a-million roubles, have been officially published in St. Petersburg. The Russian Press dilates on the immense importance of the Bank for developing Russian interests and strengthening Russian influence in Korea.

FRANCE AND THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

France, which is sending a cruiser to reinforce the Asian Squadron, will remain impassive unless some foreign aggression takes place in Southern China.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 24th at 11.30 a. Barometric changes are slight. Anticyclonic conditions continue to prevail over China, with moderate gradients on the coast and rather steep gradients in the China Sea. Forecast—fresh N. winds, cloudy, dull. Very strong depression in the N. part of the China Sea.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COAL IN KWANGTUNG AND KWANGSI.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL'.

Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1897.

DEAR SIR,—I have read with great interest the particulars of a transaction in Chinese coals, which has been made public by the Chamber of Commerce of Kwangtung. I visited a few days ago a coal mine in the Province of Kwangtung, and saw some of the workings. In the early days of this Colony, it was a common offence for anyone to burrow on the hillsides where the Chinese were mining. It is precisely the same now, and this is precisely the reason why the Chinese in the country are so poor and so ignorant.

In the case of Mr. F. Watts, it is quite likely that before he purchased the mine, he was informed of the fact that the Chinese were mining there. It is precisely the same now, and this is precisely the reason why the Chinese in the country are so poor and so ignorant.

It seems a pity that with the certainty of higher prices still for coal in Hongkong, no intelligent mining is done in Kwangtung. We are literally starving in the midst of plenty. I am sure that Japan will send the kind she does not use herself. France has provided herself with coal at Tonquin. It looks as if Russia was about to do the same in Manchuria, and Germany in Shantung. No doubt efforts are being made in the same direction by the Hongkong Government, but I think it would be a good thing if Mr. Watts came to be officially brought under its notice.—Yours, J. GRANT SMITH.

THE RUSSIANIZATION OF COREA.

(N.C. Daily News Cor.)

Seoul, Dec. 2.

M. Alexieff has taken his first steps towards the appointment of his first Russian-speaking Korean from Vladivostok. All arrears of salary have been paid to Korean officials and the money which remained in the Treasury has all been used by the King, so that it is now empty. The Government consequently is contemplating a new loan which will doubtless be obtained from Russia. As yet M. Alexieff has not interfered with the Customs, which is doubtless due to the fact that there is as yet no one to take the place of those whom it is intended to displace. It is, however, only a question of time.

It is now known that the appointment of M. Alexieff to the control of the Korean finances was arranged soon after the King had fled for refuge to the Russian Legation. It therefore seems that M. de Speyer is merely carrying out the policy inaugurated by his predecessor in accordance with instructions from St. Petersburg.

The Queen has at last been buried, and it was with a Russian guard of honour. Everything now is gradually becoming Russian and it is now only a question of months when Korea will be a dependency of Russia. Japan will doubtless meet this other Russian move with sufficient interest in Korea to join her.

LOCAL COMPOSERS, 6 Pieces, by Orange, Ward, & Co. Xmas 1897. Price, \$1.00.—W. Robinson & Co.

Tung Chi has been appointed the Tartar General in Poonchow, which post was recently rendered vacant by the promotion of Yu Lu, the ex-Tartar-General, to the Viceroyalty of Szechuen in lieu of the degraded Li Ping-heng.—*China Gazette*.

Remorse is busy with the merits of a new automobile torpedo, which is to be known as an advanced stage that the torpedo is now in the hands of the Government. It is the outcome of years of study on the part of a group of officers who have persistently devoted their attention to the subject. Foremost among them is Rear-Admiral Wilson, the Controller of the Navy, and among those associated with him are Captain W. E. May, Sir Michael Culme-Seymour's flag Captain, and one of the inventors of the submerged torpedo, and Captain C. J. Briggs, who is attached to the staff of the Viceroy. The details of the new weapon are kept a profound secret in this country. You can hope that they are equally secret in other parts of the world. It is a pity that they are not. It is a pity that they are not. It is a pity that they are not.

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That your telegram appeared to put a new construction upon the Fort Arthur incident, in that China has practically given another step to the Northern Cerebus.

That, all the same, I still adhere to the conviction previously noted in this column, to the effect that, however much of the Chinese territory may come under the 'protection' of the Western Powers, there will be no need for any outbreak of hostilities.

That, while the British Minister may make demands or requests for similar concessions to those of other Powers, and may wait for a given time for an answer, it stands to reason Great Britain cannot wait very long ere she takes action.

That the Router's message concerning the action or attitude of France, in the event of 'foreign aggression, taking place in South China' may be received with a self-complacent smile by all Britishers.

That the Gospel according to the Sacred Kaiser is melodramatic enough in all conscience, and this so-called 'foreign aggression' of the French version may be appraised in a similar manner.

That the principal things to be dreaded are, not the collapse of the Central Government at Peking only, but the failure of everything in the form of government at the capital and in the Provinces.

That the role (if it be such) played by Li Hung-chang looks Russian, and the inference is only natural that he has given up all hopes of the continuance of the Chinese system in the face of this 'surrounding nations.'

That the Provincial governments have been well and truly tried, and the Central Government also has been given more than a fair chance.

That they have all been found wanting in a most miserable way, and it is now becoming impossible to go on any longer with a variety of officials who can neither govern their own people nor keep faith with Treaty Powers.

That I do not think I am exaggerating when I say the Chinese official must arise of a variety of kind, and that they were in Yeh's time, forty years ago.

That the question now on every one's lips is, What is coming next?

That, whether it be a 'protectorate' or an annexation, there seems to be but the faintest hope of the exercise of common sense or other quality of administrative action from the feeble mass of misgoverning officials in China.

That, as the press all over the world generally admit, whatever of the world's surface is opened by Great Britain, this much is at once opened to the trade of the whole world.

That it is therefore to be hoped the various powers interested in the so-called 'protectorate' of China which seems imminent will come to some definite understanding upon that point, so as to avoid the endless troubles which would arise from the endless system of Continental systems of tariff restrictions.

That at first it was my intention to write strongly about Capt. Murray Rumsey's speech—a speech which, as the Irishman said, would have looked so much better had it never been made—but perhaps would be more Christmas-like—not to do so.

That when an official act has to be done—to be done—it is much better to do it with a good grace than otherwise, especially when it is done by order of the Secretary of State.

That the querulous and insubordinate speech of the Hon. Mr. Murray Rumsey, the Secretary of State for the Colonies was very ill-advised in having given way to such ignorant people.

That, nevertheless, the worthy Harbour Master may consider himself very lucky to have such a port as Hongkong, and may have a very merry Xmas!

That I remember you some time ago wrote a leader, or something in an editorial style, about bungs in Bernese.

That at the time it was thought by some to be a rather severe, albeit it was aimed at the whole system of doing things administratively in an inadequate and wholly insufficient manner.

That the reverse which you now tell us about, in which that gallows-worthy, Mat Salloh, has driven back the usual number of 'peelers,' and killed and wounded a few more, may teach either the British authorities, or the officials of the North Borneo Co. (the not quite sure whether it is much cheaper, and very much safer, to do these things thoroughly, if at all.

That, next to Sir George Bowen—and certainly less in the *Bombast Furioso* style than his senior predecessor, being William Robinson, who was classed as the 'wonderful' Governor of Hongkong's last days.

That his lecture the other day may not have added greatly to our knowledge of Milton or of Handel, but it showed Sir William was not only a keen admirer of the qualities of these great men, but he had the faculty of putting in graceful and forcible English his estimate of them.

That I was glad to see you advocating the supply of wholesome liquor to Jack and Tommy.

That I confess to be a great admirer of our sailors and soldiers, even when they are enjoying themselves, and their own health, down West.

That it is matter for astonishment so little has been done to protect them from the vile concoctions which so often take the place of good honest liquor.

That if the Government has not got the power to stop the sale of infamously adulterated liquor—which I am told Jack and Tommy pay as much for as for wholesome spirit—then let the Government ask for and exercise such power as speedily as possible.

That I say to one and all—

A GOOD AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BROWNIE.

A Chinese paper says that some of the leading gentry of Ningpo are contemplating the establishment of an electric railway. They are anxious to avoid the expense of the railway, and the Chinese are anxious to avoid the expense of the railway.

WEST YORKSHIRE BAND FAREWELL CONCERT.

It is slightly over a year since the West Yorkshire Regiment arrived in the Colony, and in that short period the officers and rank and file have ingratiated themselves into the good-wishes of all classes of the community. In sports and pastimes both officers and men have taken a prominent part, and the Regimental Band has gained perhaps more popularity than that of any other regiment which has been stationed in Hongkong.

Mr. W. G. Bentley, A.R.C.M., the conductor, has occupied a prominent position in musical circles during the year, and has rendered great assistance in the promotion of musical entertainments and services of praise. The admirable manner in which he carried out the arrangements for the huge musical thanksgiving service on the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen earned for him the thanks of the community, and he carries away with him interesting souvenirs of the occasion in the shape of a handsome gold-mounted baton, presented by the community, and a Jubilee medal. At this practices for the Jubilee musical service and the meetings of the Philharmonic Society, Mr. Bentley has proved a painstaking conductor, and by his quiet and unassuming manner he infused confidence into those under his baton, and found gratification in the success which attended his efforts.

The Philharmonic Society took the opportunity yesterday to pay their conductor a tribute of their admiration for the excellent services he has rendered, by a presentation of a handsome loving cup, and also by assisting in two pieces in the programme for the evening's concert. The West Yorks Band has earned for itself high encomiums for the excellence of its performances, and when we say that the greater number of the band have received their initial musical training from Mr. Bentley that is sufficient testimony to his ability as a bandmaster. Notwithstanding his many engagements, Mr. Bentley has exhibited considerable versatility in musical matters, and his long pastime blossoming stage as a composer; in fact, he may be said to be in full bloom as a composer at the present time. During his stay in Hongkong he has published a beautiful waltz, entitled 'Tantara', which he has dedicated to the President of the Society of that name, and his keen observation has enabled him to add to his repertoire a collection of Chinese airs, arranged for the pianoforte, which will be published in a few weeks. He has written numerous pieces for the band, one of which, 'Sin Fa', is greatly appreciated by the Chinese. H. F. Wu Ting Fang having personally complimented the composer. The West Yorkshire Band and their conductor will be greatly missed from the Colony. There was a good attendance at the concert last night. The programme was of a high-class character, and it is unnecessary to comment on the performance of the band or the Philharmonic Society's Orchestra, but simply to state that the frequent loud applause testified to the high appreciation of the audience. The following was the programme presented:—

1. Fest March—'Tantara'—Wagner. BAND AND ORCHESTRA.

2. Overture—'Mariana'—Wagner.

3. Reed Quintette—'The Maypole'—Schumann.

4. Monnet from XIIth Symphony—Haydn.

5. Cornet Solo—'The Maypole'—Schumann.

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RECREATION NOTES.

Up to the present time, Stoddart's XI. have done remarkably well in Australia. They have already played 10 matches without suffering defeat. They have defeated Victoria and New South Wales separately, and had the best of a drawn game with South Australia (which has probably the strongest Colonial eleven just now), and won the first test match at Sydney by no less than nine wickets. Ranjitsingh was not expected to play in this match, but he did—and, what is more, contributed 175 to the English total. He has already scored three or four centuries during the present tour, his highest score being 160 at Adelaide in the opening match; Maclearen has made a record in England-Australia matches in the Colonies by scoring two centuries in one match, and centuries have been scored during the present tour by Mason, Hirst, Hayward and Stoddart. Storer has not got the coveted three figures, but his batting has been as consistently good as Ranjitsingh's. The latter leads in the batting averages in Australian first-class cricket with 97 for five innings (four completed), with Storer second with 94.33 for three completed innings.

The record for the tour is not complete, but Stoddart's men have won at least 5 out of the 10 matches played. The second test match commences at Melbourne on New Year's Day, the third at Adelaide on the 14th January, and the fourth at Melbourne on the 28th January.

I take the following from an Australian paper:—They conducted him with an address, and stole his watch. Such was the recorded experience of a popular hero upon a certain deplorable occasion, and such, or something like it, was what befell Mr. Stoddart, the English cricket captain, at Brisbane yesterday. He and his team had just arrived at the hotel where they were to stay, and were in the middle of their baggage, when a man came forward and said to him, 'Your watch, please.' Mr. Stoddart, who was a little startled, handed over the watch, and the man disappeared. Mr. Stoddart, who was a little startled, handed over the watch, and the man disappeared.

The recent matches between the Kowloon and Hongkong Football Clubs and the West Yorkshire regimental team may be taken as indicating, in some degree, the relative strength of the two leading local teams. The Hongkong F. C. is certainly stronger this season than I have seen it, but there is still a lack of combination both amongst the forwards themselves and between the forwards and half-backs which prevents them, in my opinion, from being so strong a collection as the Kowloon club, who, on the other hand, are a more united and better organized team.

The Kowloon Club, however, suffers badly from want of practice together, and until they have settled down with their cup team and have been tested by a good eleven, it is impossible to judge of their real strength. The West Yorkshire found them disorganised, and weak, and should have taken advantage of that, and Kowloon were lucky to get off with a win by the narrow margin of one goal. I should like to see a match between Kowloon and the Hongkong F. C. before the commencement of the cup-ties. Just now, I feel inclined to back Kowloon.

INTERVAL.

PART II.

1. Largo—'The Maypole'—Schumann.

2. Overture—'Mariana'—Wagner.

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Hongkong, December 18, 1897. 2577

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Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2485

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THE S.S. *Radnorshire*, Captain VYVIAN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th Instant, will be subject to rent.
All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods, are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th Instant, at 2.30 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
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Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2513

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THE Steamship COPTIC will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 23rd December, at 4 p.m.
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